

In re Appln. of Robert D. Swain, et al.
Application No. 10/027,898

REMARKS

The Office Action indicated that claims 51-87 and 92-158 are allowed. Therefore, claims 51-87 and 92-158 should be in condition for allowance.

The Office Action rejected claims 88, 90, 91 and 159-161 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,559,173 to Campo et al. In addition, the Office Action rejected claims 88-91 and 159-161 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 4,684,488 to Rudolph.

Applicants do not agree with the rejection of these claims. However, in order to expedite issuance of the allowed claims, applicants have cancelled claims 88-91 and 159-161.

Applicants' cancellation of the claims should not be construed as agreeing with the rejection of these claims and should not be used in any manner to limit the scope of the allowed claims.

Conclusion

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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